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1. On 9 March 1954, a column of about 50 vehicles, including 15 to 18 trucks each carrying 6 soldiers and towing 1 x 100-mm AT gun; 10 van-like trucks, 6 to 8 trucks with covered load, 3 trucks with field kitchens, 4 trucks carrying ammunition boxes, 2 to 3 half-track vehicles, ambulance [redacted] 1 tank truck 25X1B and 4 trucks, each occupied by 12 to 15 troops, arrived in Altenburg from the direction of Zwickau.

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2. Between 9 and 10 March, the barracks installation east of Leipziger Strasse (8002) was occupied by an estimated 500 troops. Heavy weapons observed included only individual 45-mm AT guns. Vehicular traffic was rather light. Motor vehicles [redacted]

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3. Between 9 and 10 March, the barracks installation west of Leipziger Strasse (8001) was occupied by an estimated 600 troops. In addition to 100-mm AT guns, [redacted] for the first time, observed 85-mm AT guns in the installation. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen on route to and from the installation.

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4. On 7 March, a train carrying 11 x 152-mm gun howitzers and several trucks from Artillerie Kaserne left Altenburg for an undetermined destination. The shipment returned to the post on 12 March. Some of the vehicles [redacted] Nos 25X1B could be identified. [redacted] that a similar movement had been observed between 1 and 6 March.

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[redacted] Comment. According to railroad records, 3 shipments went from Altenburg to Ohrdruf on 8 March. As 11 shipments of other units of the Eighth Gds Army, including 5 shipments of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, simultaneously went to the Ohrdruf area, a major exercise may have been conducted there between 8 and 12 March.

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